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LETTER DATED 2 MARCH 1997 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that on 14 February 1997 a Saudi Arabian helicopter violated Iraqi airspace in Muthanna Governorate and that at 1300 hours on Saturday, 15 February 1997, there was another violation of the same kind involving penetration to a depth of 4 kilometres inside Iraq's borders.

I request your intervention with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia with a view to ensuring that there will be no repetition of acts of this kind, which are unjustifiable and contravene the Charter of the United Nations and international law. They also constitute a flagrant violation of the sovereignty of a State Member of the United Nations.

I also reaffirm the legitimate right of the Republic of Iraq to seek compensation for any damage resulting from this violation, in accordance with the principle of international accountability.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

